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USE OF FUELS FOR TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether different kind of fuels are used for running trains;

(b) if so, the details of fuels being used and percentage of trains being run by the said fuels;

(c) whether the Government has assessed expenditure incurred on running trains by different types of fuels;

(d) if so, the estimated amount spent on different types of fuels, during 2003-2004 fuel-wise;

(e) whether possibilities to reduce the said operational expenses have been explored; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATES IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU))

(a) No, Sir. High Speed Diesel only is in regular use for Diesel Locomotives to run trains.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) & (f) Preliminary studies, including fields trials, have been successfully carried out for running diesel locomotives on percentage bio-diesel. As and when bio-diesel becomes freely available commercially, detailed planning will be undertaken to exploit this fuel as a regular option. A feasibility trial is also contemplated to run the trains with a mixture of Compressed Natural Gas and Diesel. Should initial trial be successful, ways and means to consolidate energy security, environment friendliness and economies of operation will be explored on Railways.